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Applicants: BURR ET AL.

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Title: COMMUNICATION BUS SUITABLE
FOR USE IN A HAZARDOUS AREA
OF A PROCESS PLANT

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the final Office action dated December 28, 2007 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in this case. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action. This response is therefore timely filed within the extended period of response. This response is accompanied by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the requisite petition fee in the amount of \$1,050.00 charged to the undersigned's deposit account. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.